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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 118:1)

As we approach the August break, we thank You, Lord, for the physical, mental, and spiritual energy which enables our lawmakers to do their work. We praise You for the efforts of honorable men and women who relentlessly pursue good for all people. Thank You for the wise and patient leaders who seek to guide their parties to just and equitable decisions. Thank You also for the tireless labors of dedicated office and Senate staffs and for the pages who give indispensable support to the legislative process.

Father, we thank You that the Senate is a family and that in spite of our differences, we belong to You and to each other. For all of Your wonderful gifts to us, we give You praise.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable SHERROD BROWN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, August 1, 2008.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. BROWN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009—MOTION TO PROCEED

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 3001, which the clerk will report by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to the bill (S. 3001) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we are going to be on the Defense authorization bill during today's period of debate. Senators will be allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each. That is the order. Is that order in effect now or do I need to ask consent for that?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator is correct, the order is in effect now.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 3406

Mr. REID. Mr. President, S. 3406 is at the desk and is due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the title of the bill for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (S. 3406) to restore the intent and protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I object to any further proceedings with respect to the bill.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

The bill will be placed on the calendar.

ANIMAL DRUG USER FEE AMENDMENTS OF 2008

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 6432.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 6432) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the animal drug user fee program, to establish a program of fees relating to generic new animal drugs, to make certain technical corrections to the Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, that there be no further debate, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 6432) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

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